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A Minute with Abraham Lincoln.

IN the October number of THE COLLEGE MONTHLY there appeared a notice of your interesting paper taken from THE HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE in which the editor ventures to predict that THE COLLEGE MONTHLY may yet "grow to be a great magazine."

As one of the prominent features of the great magazines of today consists in historical sketches of the great civil war and the leading actors in that fearful drama, I am tempted to give you a brief account of my first interview with Abraham Lincoln.

Long before Mr. Lincoln was nominated for the presidency he was my first and last and only choice for that position. I had read with the greatest satisfaction accounts of his political debates with Stephen A. Douglas, the so called "Little Giant", and although the results of that Illinois campaign were favorable to Douglas instead of Lincoln, no one could fail to see that Lincoln was by far the greater and better of the two.

Douglas I had heard at a monster democratic gathering held in Jones' wood a famous pleasure resort at that time in the upper part of New York City, and I was very anxious to see and pay my respects to the man who had grappled with the "Little Giant", and so far as argument went completely demolished him. This desire was never gratified until after Mr. Lincoln was elected president.

When the announcement was made that he would pass through New York City on his way to Washington, and hold a reception in the city hall, I arranged to pay my respects at that time. When the day arrived I took an early train from this place and after a two hours ride found myself at the old Hudson River R. R. Depot in the midst

of an immense crowd of human beings who like myself had gone early that they might catch the first sight of a president who had been elected to that high position for the first time in the history of the republic by the votes of a party which was honestly opposed to slavery.

Upon the president's appearance, the shouting and cheering of the crowd must have assured him that he was still this side of the rebel lines.

According to the programme, the president upon reaching the city hall was to receive his friends and "shake hands" until a certain hour, I think eleven o'clock, after that he was to receive for an hour or so longer, but the hand shaking must be dispensed with. Long before I reached the hall it was packed solid with people eager to see and shake hands with the president.

Without giving a detailed account of the difficulties I encountered in my attempts to reach the reception room, I will simply say that after being jammed and squeezed and punched for an hour or two I finally reached the head of the stairs, where I encountered a small regiment of the finest police force in the world, and was duly admonished by them that the time for shaking hands had passed and that I mustn't try to do such a thing as shake hands with the president. Fully intending to obey their instructions I passed along, but in making my bow to Mr. Lincoln an involuntary motion of my hand was interpreted by him as an offer to shake. He very pleasantly said to me that they would not allow him to shake hands any longer. I told him that I had come forty miles for that express purpose but had no desire to violate the rule. "That being the case," said he, "lets shake hands," and reaching out his great gener-

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THE GRANGE.

Several of the trustees, some of the faculty, and many of the students of this college are members of The Grange. The relation of The Grange to education may be inferred from the following article from the preamble to the constitution:—"We shall advance the cause of education among ourselves, and for our children by all just means within our power. We especially advocate for our agricultural and industrial colleges that practical agriculture, domestic science and all the arts which adorn the home be taught in their course of study."

The Grange and The College are working to promote the same object, the intelligence, manhood, and highest welfare of the agricultural classes: it is well therefore that the friends of the College and the friends of The Grange should understand each other and become acquainted. To this end THE COLLEGE MONTHLY has set apart one of its columns where may be found from time to time such facts as shall be of interest to all Patrons of Husbandry as well as to friends of agricultural education.

Local News.

—The apple-parer at the boarding house is out of order.

—Herbert W. Palmer of Reno, Nevada, has entered the Freshman class.

—Nov. 29th., a foot-ball game was played between the Seniors and Juniors resulting in a victory for the seniors of 30 to 0.

—At the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture beginning Dec. 6th., Professors Goessman, Alvord, Fernald and Maynard will deliver addresses.

—The Index will soon be out, The following comprise the Board of Editors:— B. L. Hartwell, Editor in Chief; J. R. Blair, J. T. Hutchins, Y. Okami, F. W. Davis, C. S. Crocker, and C. A. Whitney, Business Manager

—The following changes will be made in the course of study next year. The Juniors will have four hours per week for rhetoric, physical geography will be dropped and chemistry will begin a year earlier than before.

—The commemorative addresses delivered last commencement by President Adams and Hon. C. G. Davis together with that of Hon. Justin S. Morrill, have been printed in a handsome pamphlet and are ready for distribution. The addresses give the history of the college from its very origin.

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erous right hand he gave mine a shake that has lasted me a quarter of a century and will never be forgotten.

A reporter for one of the New York papers, The Times I think, made a note of the incident.

Thus it happened that I had a minute's very pleasant conversation with Abraham Lincoln, the best and greatest president this nation ever had.

C. G. MOREHOUSE.

DARIEN, CT., NOV. 7TH.

College Sports.

The first foot-ball game of the season was played at this place Oct. 8th., with the Willistons, which resulted in a victory for the Aggies for which Rice and Shimer deserve especial credit. The score was 17 to 10.

Oct. 15 a game was arranged with the Trinity team, who agreed to pay the Aggies expenses on condition the game should be played at Hartford. After the Aggies had reached Hartford the Trinity captain insisted on choosing the referee who by unfair decisions throughout the game gave Trinity the victory.

Oct. 29th., a second game was played at Easthampton with the Willistons, resulting in a victory for the Aggies, the score being 26 to 0. North and Bliss '89 were chosen referees. The team worked together well and on the whole it was considered a very good game.

A game arranged with the Polytechnic Institute was played at Worcester, Nov. 5th. This was a very exciting and well played game, though resulting in a victory for the Tech's, the score being 10 to 0. The teams were well matched and during the first half of the game neither side had scored a point.

For some reason or another the efforts made to arrange a game with the Amherst College Team have proved unsuccessful. A challenge was lately sent them to which they replied that their team had disbanded.

A team made up of students from the

Amherst High School and from M't Pleasant Institute challenged the class of '91 to a game which was played Thursday, Nov. 17th. resulting in a victory for '91. the score being 42 to 0. The work of Belden and J. B. Hull deserves especial credit.

The Aggie team has shown itself worthy of considerable praise. It has done certainly as well as as the team of 1886 which is said to have surpassed any M. A. C. team previously organized.

A SLEEPER.

A sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is that in which the sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper which carries the sleeper while he sleeps runs.

Therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper, the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper, until the sleeper which carries the sleeper jumps off the sleeper, and wakes the sleeper in the sleeper by striking the sleeper under the sleeper, and there is no longer any sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper.

A cold snap—breaking an icicle.

"Bub, can you direct me to a dye shop?" asks a man of a boot black. "I ken that" replies the boy, and directs the man to a doctor's office.

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THE NATIONAL GRANGE.

An Address by United States Commissioner Colman.

United States Commissioner Colman, in a long address to the national grange at Lansing, Mich., said the work of his department had nearly stamped out pleuro-pneumonia and the oleomargarine fraud. Each state ought to have experimental stations and distribute seeds. He was opposed to the commissioner having a place in the cabinet because the department should be free from politics. The new method of manufacturing sugar cane at the experiment station at Fort Scott, Kan. had increased the amount of sugar from a ton of cane from 40 to 100 dollars. An acre produces 1200 lbs. of sugar at \$.06 besides the yield of cane seed which is equal to the commission. America will soon produce all her sugar. These officers were chosen: Worthy master Patrick Darden of Miss.; overseer, Joseph Draper of Mass.; lecturer, Mortimer Whitehead of New Jersey; steward, X. X. Charters of Va.; ass't steward, J. H. Hale of Ct.; chaplain, A. J. Rose of Texas.

THE STATE GRANGE.

The fifteenth annual session of the Mass. State Grange will be held at Springfield, Mass., Dec. 19th., 1887.

The Master, James Draper of Worcester and the Secretary, A. A. Brigham, of Walboro, are trustees of the M. A. C. It is to be hoped that many from Amherst will embrace the opportunity to see for themselves the workings of this efficient organization.

THE AMHERST GRANGE.

Grange No. 16. Amherst, E. T. Sabin, Master; J. E. Williams, Secretary, is in a flourishing condition. Four new members were recently received. A fine Esty Organ has been put into the hall.

"Is this the front of the Capital?" "No sah; dis heah side in front am de rear. Ef yer wants ter see de front yer must go a

round dar on de other side."

"CUM THAR"

The countryman who sent a dentist the following order for a set of teeth probably had to "cum thar" before he got them.

"My mouth is three inches acrost, five eighths inches through the jaw; some hum-oocky on the edge; shaped like a horseshoe, toe forward. If you want me to be more pertik'lar I shel hev to cum thar, Yours truly ——"—Troy Times.

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